



Governed by Magpies. While hanging the washing, Emma sees at least one magpie which causes her to worry about her husband Stewart's business plans. By the time Stewart comes home with a lost briefcase holding secret information seven magpies have been seen.

One for sorrow.
Two for joy.
Three for a kiss
And four for a boy.
Five for silver
Six for gold.
Seven a secret not to be told.

About the author

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